

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Office of Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing

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NOFA for Youth Development Initiative Under Public and Indian Housing Family Investment Centers

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of funding availability.

SUMMARY: HUD is announcing the availability of up to \$10 million in funding for Fiscal Year 1995 for a Youth Development Initiative under the Family Investment Center Program (FIC). The Youth Development Initiative under FIC will provide up to approximately 10 grants for innovative violence abatement strategies that have been developed by youth for public housing. The Youth Development Initiative advances the goals of the Clinton Administration's Operation Safe Home, a major initiative that addresses the larger problem of violence in America's low-income communities. The Youth Development Initiative will provide young individuals (ages 13-25), including noncustodial parents with child support agreements for children that are public housing residents and who would be capable of meeting their obligations by being provided such services, with better access to comprehensive education and employment opportunities and supportive services. The grants will be for up to 3 to 5 years in duration, depending upon the activities undertaken, and will involve youth as active partners, to provide leadership opportunities and improve the capacity for long-term training and services for young residents. The final rule on this program was published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 1994, as subpart D of 24 CFR part 964.

In the body of this document is information concerning the purpose of the NOFA, eligibility, available amounts, rating factors, and application processing, including how to apply and how selections will be made.

DATES: Application kits will be available beginning May 30, 1995. The application deadline will be 3:00 p.m., local time, on June 29, 1995.

ADDRESSES: An application kit may be obtained from the local HUD Field Office with delegated responsibilities over an applicant public housing agency (see Appendix for listing; applicants in

the State of Oklahoma should either contact the HUD office in Denver, Colorado or call the Clearinghouse), or by calling the HUD Community Relations and Involvement Clearinghouse toll-free number 1-800-955-2232. Telephone requests must include your name, mailing address, or post office address (including zip code), telephone number (including area code), and should refer to document FR-3841. This NOFA cannot be used as the application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bertha M. Jones, Office of Community Relations and Involvement (OCRI), Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room 4112, Washington, DC 20410; telephone number: (202) 708-3611 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing- or speech-impaired persons may use the Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service on 1-800-877-TDDY (1-800-877-8339) or 202-708-9300 (not a toll-free number) for information on the program.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

The information collection requirements contained in this notice have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, under section 3504(h) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), and assigned OMB control number 2577-0189.

I. Purpose and Substantive Description

A. Authority

Section 22 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437t) provides for the establishment of Family Investment Centers (FIC). The final rule implementing the FIC Program for public housing was published on August 24, 1994 (59 FR 43622), as part 964, subpart D.

B. Allocation Amounts

In this NOFA, up to \$10 million is being made available to public housing agencies (PHAs) for the Youth Development Initiative to further Operation Safe Home. The Department's intention to use the total of \$10 million for Youth Development Initiative activities was announced in the NOFA for Public and Indian Housing Family Investment Centers, published on February 15, 1995 (60 FR 8900).

The FIC Youth Development Initiative grants awarded under this NOFA will be targeted to assist youth in gaining access to education, employment, and supportive services. HUD expects that

this funding will demonstrate the importance of comprehensive supportive services in contributing to the reduction of unemployment among our youth and crime and violence in public housing communities. This Youth Development Initiative requires that the funded actions be designed and implemented by the targeted youth, in partnership with the PHA.

Each applicant may submit only one application under this NOFA. The maximum grant amount per applicant under this NOFA is \$1 million. As explained in the February 15, 1995, FIC NOFA, both PHAs and IHAs are eligible applicants in the main FIC NOFA, but only PHAs may apply for the set-aside funds announced in this Youth Initiative NOFA.

C. Overview and Policy

The stated purpose of Section 22 for FIC is:

[T]o provide families living in public housing with better access to educational and employment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence by: (a) Developing facilities in or near public housing for training and support services; (b) mobilizing public and private resources to expand and improve the delivery of such services; (c) providing funding for such essential training and support services that cannot otherwise be funded; and (d) improving the capacity of management to assess the training and service needs of families, coordinate the provision of training and services that meet such needs, and ensure the long-term provision of such training and services.

Although Section 22 is phrased in terms of "families" living in public housing, because of section 527 of the National Affordable Housing Act (104 Stat. 4216; 42 U.S.C. 1437aa note) (NAHA), the definition of "families" may be used interchangeably as individuals. This special Initiative is being made available to individuals (youths, ages 13-25), including noncustodial parents with child support agreements for children living in public housing and who would be made capable of meeting their obligations by being provided these services.

The Department envisions that this Initiative under FIC will complement other youth programs, drug elimination efforts, and Youth Sports activities to increase the rates of school completion, enrollment in advanced education, or training and employment. PHAs that are recipients of or applicants for other programs with youth training opportunities must coordinate this FIC Youth Development Initiative with these programs. As an incentive to becoming self-sufficient, the earnings of public housing youths participating in

this Youth Development Initiative shall not be treated as income for the purpose of rent calculation, and services are not treated as income for the purposes of any other program or provision of State or Federal law, including rent assistance, subject to the limitations set out in Section I.F(5), "Treatment of Income," of this NOFA. This Initiative is administered by the Department's Office of Community Relations and Involvement in the Office of Public and Indian Housing, with assistance from a network of Community Relations and Involvement Specialists in HUD Field Offices.

D. Definitions

For purposes of this NOFA, the following definitions apply:

Eligible Residents means public housing residents aged 13–25 of a participating PHA, including noncustodial parents with child support agreements for children living in public housing when those parents would be made capable of meeting their obligations by being provided services.

Secretary means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Service Coordinator means any person, including youth, who is responsible for:

- (1) Determining the eligibility of individuals to be served by this Youth Development Initiative;
- (2) Assessing training and service needs of eligible residents;
- (3) Working with service providers to coordinate the provision of services on a PHA-wide or less-than-PHA-wide basis, and to tailor the services to the needs and characteristics of eligible residents;
- (4) Mobilizing public and private resources to ensure that the supportive services identified can be funded over the 5-year period, at least, following the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA;
- (5) Monitoring and evaluating the delivery, impact, and effectiveness of any supportive service funded with capital or operating assistance under this program;
- (6) Coordinating the development and implementation of this Youth FIC Initiative with other self-sufficiency programs and other education and employment programs; or
- (7) Performing other duties and functions that are appropriate for providing eligible residents with better access to educational and employment opportunities.

Supportive Services means new or significantly expanded services essential to providing youth in public housing with better access to

educational and employment opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence. (PHAs applying for funds to provide supportive services must demonstrate that the services will be provided at a higher level than currently provided). Program funds may be used for the provision of not more than 15 percent of the cost of any supportive services (which may be provided directly to eligible residents by the public housing agency or by contract or lease through other appropriate agencies or providers). Supportive services may include:

- (1) Child care, of a type that provides sufficient hours of operation and serves appropriate ages as needed to facilitate parental access to education and job opportunities;
- (2) Employment training and counseling (e.g., job training, preparation and counseling, job development and placement, business management training and entrepreneurship development, and follow-up assistance after job placement);
- (3) Computer skills training;
- (4) Entrepreneurship training;
- (5) Education (e.g., remedial education, literacy training, completion of secondary or post-secondary education, and assistance in the attainment of certificates of high school equivalency);
- (5) Transportation as necessary to enable any participating youth to receive available services or to commute to his or her place of employment;
- (6) Personal welfare (e.g., substance/alcohol abuse treatment and counseling, self-development counseling, etc.);
- (7) Supportive Health Care Services (e.g., outreach and referral services); and
- (8) Any other services and resources, including case management, that are determined to be appropriate in assisting eligible residents.

Vacant Unit means a dwelling unit that is not under an effective lease to an eligible family. An effective lease is a lease under which an eligible family has a right to possession of the unit and is being charged rent, even if the amount of any utility allowance equals or exceeds the amount of a total tenant payment that is based on income and, as a result, the amount paid by the family to the PHA is zero.

E. Eligibility

(1) Eligible Applicants

Funding for this program is limited to public housing authorities. Housing Authorities with Section 8 oversight (only) are *not* eligible to apply for funds under this NOFA. Facilities assisted

shall be on or near the premises of public housing. For all families using FIC services, other than eligible residents (as defined in Section I.D of this NOFA), any additional costs incurred are to be borne by other resources.

To be eligible under this NOFA, a PHA cannot have serious unaddressed, outstanding Inspector General audit findings; fair housing and equal opportunity monitoring review findings; or Field Office management review findings. In addition, the PHA must be in compliance with civil rights laws and equal opportunity requirements. A PHA will be considered to be in compliance if:

(a) As a result of formal administrative proceedings, there are no outstanding findings of noncompliance with civil rights laws unless the PHA is operating in compliance with a HUD-approved compliance agreement designed to correct the area(s) of noncompliance;

(b) There is no adjudication of a civil rights violation in a civil action brought against it by a private individual, unless the PHA demonstrates that it is operating in compliance with a court order, or implementing a HUD-approved resident selection and assignment plan or compliance agreement, designed to correct the area(s) of noncompliance;

(c) There is no deferral of Federal funding based upon civil rights violations;

(d) HUD has not deferred application processing by HUD under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Attorney General's Guidelines (28 CFR 50.3) and HUD's Title VI regulations (24 CFR 1.8) and procedures (HUD Handbook 8040.1) or under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and HUD regulations (24 CFR 8.57);

(e) There is no pending civil rights suit brought against the PHA by the Department of Justice; and

(f) There is no unresolved charge of discrimination against the PHA issued by the Secretary under Section 810(g) of the Fair Housing Act, as implemented by 24 CFR 103.400.

(2) Eligible Activities

To develop such a Youth Development Initiative, program funds may be used for the following activities to guarantee youth access to comprehensive services:

(a) The renovation, conversion, or combination of vacant dwelling units in a PHA development to create common areas to accommodate the provision of supportive services;

(b) The renovation of existing common areas in a PHA development to

accommodate the provision of supportive services;

(c) The renovation, acquisition, or construction of facilities located near the premises of one or more PHA developments to accommodate the provision of supportive services. Under this NOFA, acquisition and new construction will be treated the same as substantial rehabilitation (renovation/conversion) activities, for such purposes as rating and submission requirements.

(d) The provision of not more than 15 percent of the total cost of supportive services (which may be provided directly to eligible residents by the PHA or by contract or lease through other appropriate agencies or providers), but only if the PHA demonstrates that:

(i) The supportive services are appropriate to improve the access of eligible residents for employment and educational opportunities; and

(ii) The PHA has made diligent efforts to use or obtain other available resources to fund or provide such services.

(3) Eligible Costs

Costs that may be covered for activities funded and carried out by a housing authority include, but are not limited to, the following:

(a) *Administrative Costs.* No cap. Costs that are reasonable and include maintenance, utility costs (telephone, fax, light, gas), postage, printing, copier, building leasing/rent costs, accounting staff, and initial equipment purchase (i.e., desks, chairs, computer equipment, tools, etc.);

(b) *Other Program Costs.* Costs that include advertisement, reimbursement for participants of Youth FIC, insurance liability costs (personal property/property off housing authority site), and Technical Assistance (T/A) contractor fees, etc.;

(c) *Supportive Services.* Grant funds may be used to fund a maximum of 15 percent of the total cost of providing supportive services. Direct service delivery includes the costs of training programs, day care services, manpower, etc.;

(d) *Site Facility/Renovation/Conversion/Construction/Acquisition Costs.* Costs include: Renovation/conversion/construction/acquisition, architectural and engineering (and related professional services required to prepare architectural plans or drawings, write-ups, specifications, or inspections); and

(e) The employment of service coordinators.

(4) Other Eligibility Related Requirements

(a) Grants used solely for renovation/conversion/acquisition/new construction activities listed in paragraphs (a), (b), or (c) of Section I.E(2), "Eligible Activities," of this NOFA, shall be completed within 3 years of the effective date of the grant. Other eligible activities may be funded over a maximum 5-year period.

(b) Each applicant should submit a description of the supportive services activities and/or the renovation or conversion to be conducted, along with a budget and timetable for those activities. This description should include the PHA's plans to:

(i) Ensure provision of employment, on-the-job training and work experience, education, child care, transportation, and assistance in resolving personal or family crises;

(ii) Encourage the active involvement of local labor unions, junior and senior high schools, 2- and 4-year post-secondary institutions, and community agencies; and

(iii) Ensure outreach and recruitment efforts and integrate service delivery, intake assessment, and case management.

(c) Each applicant must submit a budget, timetable, and list of milestones for the 5-year period (following initial receipt of funding), at least, covered by the applicant's description of supportive services. Milestones shall include the number of youth to be served, types of services, and dollar amounts to be allocated over the 5-year period.

(d) Each applicant must demonstrate a firm commitment of assistance from one or more sources ensuring that supportive services will be provided for not less than 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA.

(e) When a grant application is approved, the PHA must receive approval from HUD to conduct renovation or conversions. Approval must be provided prior to drawing down funds.

(f) If a renovation is done off-site, the PHA must provide documentation that it has control of the proposed property. Control can be evidenced through a lease agreement, ownership documentation, or other appropriate documentation (see Sections III.B(4) and III.C(14) of this NOFA).

F. Other Program Requirements

(1) *Youth/Resident Involvement.* The Department has a longstanding policy of encouraging PHAs to promote resident involvement and to facilitate

cooperative partnerships to achieve specific and mutual goals. Therefore, youth/residents must be included in the planning and implementation of this program. The PHA shall develop a process that assures that public housing youth, through their Resident Councils, if feasible, are active partners in the development of the content of the PHA's application in response to this NOFA. The PHA shall give full consideration to the comments and concerns of the youth representatives. The Department envisions that the youth representatives will work in concert with the duly elected Resident Council. The process shall include:

(a) Informing youth of the selected developments regarding the preparation of the application and providing for residents to become active partners in the development of the application.

(b) Once a draft application has been prepared, the PHA shall make a copy available for reading in the management office; provide copies of the draft to the duly-elected resident organization representing the residents of the developments involved; and provide adequate opportunity for comment by all residents, including youth, of the development and their representative organizations prior to making the application final. A copy of all comments shall be kept on file for review, at the residents' request, by the duly elected Resident Council and HUD.

(c) After HUD approval of a grant, notify youth and other residents of the development, and any representative organizations, of approval of the grant; notify the youth of the availability of the HUD-approved implementation schedule in the management office for reading; and develop a system to facilitate a regular youth role in all aspects of program implementation.

(2) *Training/Employment of PHA Youth Residents.* (a) Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) requires that programs of direct financial assistance administered by HUD provide, to the greatest extent feasible, opportunities for job training and employment to lower income residents in connection with projects in their neighborhoods. The requirements of Section 3 have been implemented in 24 CFR part 135 by an interim rule published on June 30, 1994 (59 FR 33866). At a minimum each PHA, and each of its contractors and subcontractors receiving funds under this program, shall make best efforts to employ PHA residents in connection with housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public construction projects.

(b) For purposes of the requirements under Section 3, a best effort means that the PHA shall:

(1) Attempt to recruit PHA youth from the appropriate areas through Resident/Youth Councils, local advertising media, signs placed at the proposed FIC project site, and community organizations and public or private institutions operating within the development area. The PHA shall include in its outreach and marketing efforts, procedures to attract the least likely to apply for this program because it includes construction/renovation/conversion types of activities, *i.e.*, low-income households headed by women and persons with disabilities; and

(2) Determine the qualifications of PHA residents when they apply, either on their own or on referral from any source, and employ PHA youth if their qualifications are satisfactory and the contractor has openings. If the PHA is unable to employ youth determined to be qualified, those residents shall be listed for the first available openings.

(3) *Davis-Bacon Requirements.* All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or the PHA in renovation or conversion (including combining of units) on the premises of the PHA development to accommodate the provision of supportive services under this program shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality, as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5). All architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, and technicians employed with respect to such work shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality as determined by HUD. These requirements do not apply to volunteers under the conditions set out in 24 CFR part 70.

(4) *Youth/Resident Compensation.* Residents employed to provide services funded under this program or described in the application shall be paid at a rate not less than the highest of:

(a) The minimum wage that would be applicable to the employees under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (FLSA), if section 6(a)(1) of the FLSA applied to the resident and if the resident were not exempt under section 13 of the FLSA;

(b) The State or local minimum wage for the most nearly comparable covered employment; or

(c) The prevailing rate of pay for persons employed in similar public occupations by the same employer.

(5) *Treatment of Income.* (a) *1937 Act.* As provided in section 22(i) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (1937 Act), no service provided to a PHA

resident under this program may be treated as income for the purpose of any other program or provision of State, or Federal law. Program participation shall begin on the first day the resident enters training or begins to receive services. Furthermore, the earnings of and benefits to any PHA youth resulting from participation in the FIC program shall not be considered as income in computing the tenant's total annual income that is used to determine the tenant rental payment during:

(i) The period that the youth participates in the program; and

(ii) The period that begins with the commencement of employment of the youth in the first job acquired by the youth after completion of the program that is not funded by assistance under the 1937 Act, and ends on the earlier of:

(A) The date the youth ceases to continue employment without good cause; or

(B) The expiration of the 18-month period beginning on the date of commencement of employment in the first job not funded by assistance under this program.

(6) *Reports.* Each PHA receiving a grant shall submit to HUD an annual progress report, participant evaluation and assessment data, and other information, as needed, regarding the effectiveness of the Youth Development Initiative in providing youth with access to education and job opportunities and supportive services.

G. Rating Factors

Each application for grant award will be evaluated if it is submitted as required under Section II.B of this NOFA and meets the eligibility requirements in Section I.E of this NOFA. Applications will be placed in three funding categories, but ranked using Rating Factors for either Combination Funding Requests or Supportive Services Only. The three funding categories are as follows: (1) Supportive Services Only; (2) Renovation/Conversion/Acquisition/New Construction; and (3) Combination Supportive Services/Renovation/Conversion/Acquisition/New Construction Activities. Applications submitted for funds solely to implement supportive services will be competitively selected based on the highest scores out of a possible 100 points, using Rating Factors for Supportive Services Only. Applications submitted for funds that include renovation/conversion (including acquisition and new construction) or combination of dwelling unit activities will be competitively selected based on the highest scores out of a possible 100

points, using Rating Factors for Combination Funding Requests. Grants will be awarded to approximately the 10 highest-ranked eligible applicants in the nation. All of the funds will be awarded based on project size and geographical diversity. HUD reserves the right to select applications out of rank order, if necessary to achieve geographic diversity.

HUD will review and evaluate the application as follows, according to whether the application seeks funds for Supportive Services Only, or for renovation, conversion, acquisition, or new construction activities, or for Combination Funding:

Combination Funding Requests—Renovation/Conversion/Acquisition/New Construction/Supportive Services Activities (Maximum 100 points). If the applicant is proposing to build or rehabilitate a facility to render programmatic services, applications will be scored on the following factors:

(a) *Evidence of the need for supportive services by eligible residents* (Maximum: 35 points):

- A high score of 26–35 points is achieved where the applicant provides a detailed needs assessment of eligible residents, clearly identifies specific target areas of concern, and documents milestone results and benefits to be derived from resident participation in Youth FIC services.

- A medium score of 13–25 points is achieved where the applicant provides a general needs assessment of eligible residents, identifies target areas, but does not provide milestone results to be derived from resident participation in Youth FIC services.

- A low score of 1–12 points is achieved where the applicant merely mentions there is a need for services, but does not clearly address specific areas of concern.

(b) *Youth Resident Involvement/Local Partnerships* (Maximum: 25 points): The extent to which the housing authority has demonstrated that it has partnered with residents in the implementation phase (evidence of such a partnership may be in the form of a resident council board resolution or letter), and will contract with or employ youth residents to provide services and conduct renovation/conversion/construction activities. In assigning points for this factor, HUD shall also consider the extent of the involvement of social service agencies in the development of the application. The commitment of these agencies may be demonstrated through evidence of intent to provide direct financial assistance or other resources, such as social services (*i.e.*, counseling and training); funds

available through existing State and local programs; or other commitments.

- A high score of 18–25 points is received where the applicant provides evidence that it has a strong and cooperative partnership with its youth residents and that youth residents were involved in the development of the application; the applicant will continue its involvement throughout the implementation stages of the Youth FIC, including providing input identifying resident needs; and the applicant will contract with or employ youth residents to provide services and conduct renovation/conversion/construction activities. The applicant also provides evidence in a resolution or by certification in a letter that social service agencies intend to provide various resources to the Youth FIC; i.e., sources committed, availability of funds, etc.

- A medium score of 9–17 points is received where the applicant mentions its partnership with youth residents. While the residents were notified of the Youth FIC (although not involved in the development of the application), the applicant ensures that their role will be increased during the implementation stages of the Youth FIC and states its intent to provide services (even though the plan for hiring and contracting is not specific). The applicant provides certification in letter or a resolution that it is currently implementing a similar program (volunteer) utilizing partnerships with service agencies in its locality. Evidence also is provided of social service agencies' intent to provide various resources to the Youth FIC; i.e., source committed, availability of funds, etc.; and

- A low score of 1–8 points is received where the applicant mentions a partnership, but evidence of such support is not provided. The applicant mentions its efforts at coordinating the Youth FIC facility in a target area, but does not include evidence of commitments from existing local, State, or Federal sources.

(c) *Capability (Maximum: 20 points)*: (1) The capability of the housing authority or designated service provider to provide the supportive services; (2) the extent to which the housing authority has demonstrated success in modernization activities under the Comprehensive Grant/Comprehensive Improvement Assistance (CIAP) Programs (see CFR part 968); and (3) the extent to which the housing authority has a good record of maintaining and operating public housing, as determined by the Public Housing Management Assessment Program (PHMAP) (see 24 CFR part 901), and has utilized

innovative and workable strategies to improve management.

- A high score of 14–20 points is received where the applicant: (a) Demonstrates success in providing similar supportive services programs and has clearly detailed how the services were coordinated and complemented with other programs; and (b) the applicant's PHMAP score is in the "high performer" range.

- A medium score of 7–13 points is received where the applicant does not currently provide similar programs, but demonstrates how the services will be coordinated and complemented with other programs. The applicant's PHMAP score is in the "standard" range (60 or greater, but less than 90). In addition, the housing authority has clearly identified innovative strategies to improve management of its developments.

- A low score of 1–6 points is received where it is unclear if the applicant or designated service provider has experience in providing similar supportive services programs. The applicant's PHMAP score is in the "troubled" range (less than 60); however, it is currently implementing local, State, or Federal partnerships in efforts to develop effective strategies to improve its management capacity.

(d) *Sustainability/Program Quality (Maximum: 20 points)*: (1) The extent to which the housing authority and each service provider have evidenced that supportive services and other resources will be provided for 5 years following the receipt of funding for supportive services under this NOFA, or 3 years following the completion of renovation/conversion/construction/acquisition activities; (2) the extent to which the housing authority has demonstrated that it will commit to its Youth FIC part of its formula allocation of Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP)/Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP) funds for CGP/CIAP eligible activities that result in employment, training, and contracting opportunities for eligible residents; and (3) the extent to which the envisioned renovation/conversion/construction/acquisition and combination activities are appropriate to facilitate the provision of Youth FIC supportive services.

- A high score of 14–20 points is received where the applicant provides letters from service providers that contain a strong commitment to providing services and other resources (i.e., direct financial staff, training/educational) over the grant period; clearly documents its current use of CGP/CIAP funds toward eligible Youth

FIC activities; and provides the following:

- A detailed description of the location of the Youth FIC, the coordination of services proposed at the facility, and the area to be served by the Youth FIC; and

- Evidence that the facility is appropriate for the proposed Youth FIC Activity. This evidence should clearly indicate the facility's accessibility to residents, including its distance and the transportation necessary to receive services.

- A medium score of 7–13 points is received where the applicant provides letters or narrative language regarding the commitment of service providers, but the providers are limiting in their commitment to providing services; does not currently have CGP/CIAP funding, but has made clear its intention to use part of future CGP/CIAP funding toward eligible Youth FIC activities; and provides a good description of the facility location, however its accessibility to residents is somewhat unclear.

- A low score of 1–6 points is received where the applicant merely mentions that services will be provided, but does not provide letters; does not make clear any intention to use part of its current or future CGP/CIAP funding toward eligible Youth FIC activities; and mentions the location of the Youth FIC facility, but does not provide specific details regarding the appropriateness or accessibility or distance to residents.

Supportive Services Only

(a) *Evidence of Need for supportive services [Maximum: 35 points]*:

- A high score of 26–35 points is achieved where the applicant provides a detailed needs assessment of eligible residents, clearly identifies specific target areas of concern, and documents milestone results and benefits to be derived from resident participation in Youth FIC services.

- A medium score of 13–25 points is achieved where the applicant provides a general needs assessment of eligible residents, identifies target areas, but does not provide milestone results to be derived from resident participation in FIC services.

- A low score of 1–12 points is achieved where the applicant merely mentions there is a need for services, but does not clearly address specific areas of concern.

(b) *Youth Resident Involvement/Local Partnerships (Maximum: 25 points)*: The extent to which the housing authority has demonstrated that it has partnered with youth residents in the planning phase of the Youth FIC, will further

include the residents in the implementation phase (evidence of such a partnership may be in the form of a resident council board resolution or letter), and will contract with or employ youth residents to provide services. In addition, HUD shall consider the extent of the involvement of social services agencies in the development of the application and the commitment of those agencies to providing direct financial assistance or other resources, such as social services (i.e., counseling and training), funds available through existing State and local programs, or other commitments.

- A high score of 18–25 points is received where the applicant provides evidence that it has a strong and cooperative partnership with its youth residents and that youth residents were involved in the development of the application; the applicant will continue its involvement throughout the implementation stages of the Youth FIC, including providing input identifying resident needs; and the applicant will contract with or employ residents to provide services. The applicant also provides evidence by resolution or certification in a letter that social service agencies intend to provide various resources to the Youth FIC; i.e., sources committed, availability of funds, etc.

- A medium score of 9–17 points is received where the applicant mentions its partnership with residents. While the residents were notified of the Youth FIC (although not involved in the development of the application), the applicant ensures that the residents' role will be increased during the implementation stages of the Youth FIC and states its intent to provide services (even though the plan for hiring and contracting is not specific). The applicant provides certification in a letter or a resolution that it is currently implementing a similar program (volunteer) utilizing partnerships with service agencies in its locality. Evidence also is provided of social service agencies' intent to provide various resources to the Youth FIC; i.e., source committed, availability of funds, etc.; and

- A low score of 1–8 points is received where applicant mentions a partnership, but evidence of such support is not provided. The applicant mentions its efforts at coordinating the Youth FIC facility in a target area, but does not include evidence of commitments from existing local, State, Federal sources.

(c) *Capability (Maximum: 20 points):* (1) The capability of the housing authority or designated service provider

to provide the supportive services; and (2) the extent to which the housing authority has a good record of maintaining and operating public housing, as determined by the Public Housing Management Assessment Program (PHMAP) (see 24 CFR part 901), and has utilized innovative and workable strategies to improve management.

- A high score of 14–20 points is received where the applicant: (a) Demonstrates success in providing similar supportive services programs and has clearly detailed how the services were coordinated and complemented with other programs; (b) the applicant's PHMAP score is in the "high performer" range.

- A medium score of 7–13 points is received where the applicant does not currently provide similar programs, but demonstrates how the services will be coordinated and complemented with other programs. The applicant's PHMAP score is in the "standard" range (60 or greater but less than 90). In addition, the housing authority has clearly identified innovative strategies to improve management of its developments.

- A low score of 1–6 points is received where it is unclear if the applicant or designated service provider has experience in providing similar supportive services programs. The applicant's PHMAP score is in the "troubled" range (less than 60); however, it is currently implementing local, State, or Federal partnerships in efforts to develop effective strategies to improve its management capacity.

(d) *Sustainability/Program Quality (Maximum: 20 points):* (1) The extent to which the housing authority and each service provider have evidenced that supportive services and other resources will be provided for 5 years following the receipt of funding for supportive services under this NOFA; and (2) the extent to which the housing authority has demonstrated that it will commit to its Youth FIC part of its formula allocation of Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP)/Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program (CIAP) funds for eligible activities that result in employment, training, and contracting opportunities that are appropriate to facilitate the provision of Youth FIC supportive services.

- A high score of 14–20 points is received where the applicant provides letters from service providers that contain their strong commitment to providing services and other resources (i.e., direct financial staff, training/educational) over the grant period; clearly documents its current use of CGP/CIAP funds toward eligible Youth

FIC activities; and provides the following:

- A detailed description of the location of the Youth FIC, the coordination of services proposed at the facility, and the area to be served by the Youth FIC; and

- Evidence clearly indicating the accessibility of the FIC facility to residents, including the distance to the facility and the transportation necessary to receive services.

- A medium score of 7–13 points is received where the applicant provides letters or narrative language regarding commitment of service providers, but the providers are limiting in their commitment to providing services; does not currently have CGP/CIAP funding, but has made clear its intention to use part of future CGP/CIAP funding toward eligible Youth FIC activities; and provides a description of the facility location, but its accessibility to residents is somewhat unclear.

- A low score of 1–6 points is received where the applicant merely mentions that services will be provided, but does not provide letters; does not make clear any intention to use part of its current or future CGP/CIAP funding toward eligible Youth FIC activities; and mentions the location of the Youth FIC facility, but does not provide specific details regarding its accessibility or distance to residents.

H. Environmental Review

Any environmental impact regarding eligible activities will be addressed through an environmental review of that activity as required by 24 CFR part 50, including the applicable related laws and authorities under § 50.4, to be completed by HUD, to ensure that any environmental impact will be addressed before assistance is provided to the PHA. Grantees will be expected to adhere to all assurances applicable to environmental concerns as contained in this NOFA and grant agreements.

II. Application Submissions Process

A. Application Kit

An application kit is required as the formal submission to apply for funding. The kit includes information and guidance on preparation of a Plan and Budget for activities proposed by the applicant. This process facilitates the execution of the grant for those selected to receive funding. An application may be obtained from the local HUD Field Offices with delegated responsibilities over an applying PHA (See Appendix A for listing; applicants in the State of Oklahoma should either contact the HUD office in Denver, Colorado or call

the Clearinghouse), or by calling HUD's Community Relations and Involvement Clearinghouse toll free number 1-800-955-2232. Requests for application kits must include your name, mailing address or P.O. Box (including zip code), and telephone number (including area code), and should refer to document FR-3841. Applications may be requested beginning May 30, 1995.

B. Application Submission

The original and two copies of the application must be submitted. The Appendix lists addresses of HUD Field Offices that will accept the completed application. Applications for the Youth FIC Program should not exceed 30 pages. Each applicant should provide the name of its congressional Representative and District in its narrative description of the proposed project.

The application must be physically received by 3:00 p.m., local time, on June 29, 1995. This application deadline is firm as to date and hour. In the interest of fairness to all competing applicants, the Department will treat as ineligible for consideration any application that is received after the deadline. Applicants should take this practice into account and make early submission of their applications to avoid any risk of loss of eligibility brought on by unanticipated delays or other delivery-related problems. Facsimile and telegraphic applications are not authorized and shall not be considered.

III. Checklist of Application Submission Requirements

The Application Kit will contain a checklist of all application submission requirements to complete the application process.

A. Applications for Supportive Services Only must contain the following information:

(1) Name and address (or P.O. Box) of the PHA. Name and telephone number of contact person (in the event further information or clarification is needed during the application review process);

(2) SF-424A, Budget Information, Non-Construction Programs, and SF-424B, Assurances, Non-Construction Programs;

(3) A description of the need for supportive services by eligible youth residents;

(4) A description of the supportive services that are to be provided over at least a 5-year period after the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA, and 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA, and how the supportive services will

enhance education and job opportunities for youth residents;

(5) Evidence of a firm commitment of assistance from one or more sources ensuring that the supportive services will be provided for not less than three years following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA. Evidence shall be in the form of a letter or resolution. A cost allocation plan shall be submitted outlining the 1-year commitment;

(6) A description of public or private sources of assistance that can reasonably be expected to fund or provide supportive services, including evidence of any intention to provide assistance expressed by State and local governments, private foundations, and other organizations (including profit and nonprofit organizations);

(7) A description of the plan for continuing operation of the Youth FIC, and the provision of services to youth after completion of the later of: (i) 5 years following the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA; or (ii) 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA;

(8) A certification from an appropriate service agency (in the case of FSS, the certification may be from the Coordinating Committee) that:

(a) The provision of supportive services is well designed to provide youth with better access to educational and employment opportunities; and

(b) There is a reasonable likelihood that such services will be funded or provided for the entire 5-year period, at least, after the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA.

(9) A description of assistance for which the PHA is applying;

(10) A narrative on the location of the Youth FIC facility. Provide the precise location of the facility to be used for Youth FIC, and indicate its accessibility to residents, including distance from the development(s), and transportation necessary to receive services;

(11) Evidence that the PHA has control of the Youth FIC site. If the facility is off-site, the PHA shall include copies of the negotiated lease and the terms, an option to lease, indicating that the facility is available to the PHA for use as a Youth FIC for the period ending the later of: (1) 5 years following the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA, or (ii) 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA;

(12) A certification that funds used to pay for a Service Coordinator are not duplicate expenses from any other program;

(13) A description of the youth involvement and participation in the

planning and implementation phases of this program;

(14) A description of the services that PHA residents will be employed to provide;

(15) Letters of commitment. The letters should identify all commitments for additional resources to be made available to the program from the applicant and other State, local, or private entities. The description shall include, but is not limited to, the commitment source, source committed, availability and use of funds, and other conditions associated with the loan, grant, gift, donation, contribution, etc. Commitments from State or local agencies may include, but are not limited to, vocational, adult, and bilingual education; Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and Family Support Act of 1988 job training programs; child care; and social services assistance, counseling or drug addiction services. Commitments may include in-kind contributions, on-site journeymen or equivalent instructors, transportation, or other resources for use by participants of the Youth FIC;

(16) Certification that efforts were made to use or obtain other resources to fund or provide the services proposed;

(17) Certification of the extent to which the PHA will commit to its Youth FIC part of its formula allocation of Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) funds/Comprehensive Improvement Assistance (CIAP) funds for CGP/CIAP eligible activities that result in employment, training, and contracting opportunities for eligible residents, if applicable;

(18) A project budget, timetable and narrative;

(19) Certification that Youth FIC funding will not duplicate any other HUD funding, including CGP funding.

(20) Equal Opportunity Requirements. The PHA must certify that it will carry out activities assisted under the program in compliance with:

(a) The requirements of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 100, 107, 109, 110, and 121; and Executive Order 11063 (Equal Opportunity Housing implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 107; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR part 1;

(b) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146; the prohibition against discrimination

against individuals with a disability under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8; and the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and the implementing regulations issued at 41 CFR chapter 60;

(c) The requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, 12 U.S.C. 1701u and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135; and

(d) The requirements of Executive Orders 11625, 12432, and 12138. Consistent with HUD's responsibilities under these Orders, the grantee must make efforts to encourage the use of minority and women's business enterprises in connection with activities funded under this notice.

(21) Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Update Report must be completed in accordance with 24 CFR part 12, Accountability in the Provision of HUD Assistance. A copy is provided in the application kit.

(22) Drug-Free Workplace Certification. The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701) requires grantees of federal agencies to certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. Each potential recipient under this NOFA must certify that it will comply with drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with the Act and with HUD's rules at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

(23) Certification regarding Lobbying. Section 319 of the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 101-121, approved October 23, 1989 (31 U.S.C. 1352) (the "Byrd Amendment") generally prohibits recipients of Federal contracts, grants, and loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant or loan. The Department's regulations on these restrictions on lobbying are codified at 24 CFR part 87. To comply with 24 CFR 87.110, any PHA submitting an application under this announcement for more than \$100,000 of budget authority must submit a certification and, if applicable, a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL form).

(24) A certification that:

(a) The PHA will include in any contract for renovation or conversion (including combining of units) on the premises of the PHA development to accommodate the provision of supportive services under this program, a requirement that all laborers and mechanics (other than volunteers under the conditions set out in 24 CFR part 70) shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality, as

predetermined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5);

(b) The PHA will include in such contracts a requirement that all architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, and technicians (other than volunteers) shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality as determined by HUD; and

(c) The PHA will pay such wage rates to its own employees engaged in this work.

B. *Applications for Renovation/Conversion/Construction/Acquisition Activities Only* must contain the following information:

(1) Name and address (or P.O. Box) of the PHA. Name and telephone number of contact person (in the event further information or clarification is needed during the application review process);

(2) A narrative on the location of the off-site facility, if applicable. Provide the precise location of the Youth FIC facility (street address) and indicate its accessibility to residents, including distance from the development(s), and transportation necessary to receive services;

(3) A narrative description of how the funds will be used;

(4) Evidence that the PHA has control of the proposed premises. This shall include copies of the negotiated lease and the terms, an option to lease, indicating that the facility will be available to the PHA for use as a Youth FIC for the period ending the later of: (i) 5 years following the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA; or (ii) 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA;

(5) A description of services that the PHA expects to be provided, to the greatest extent practicable, by youth residents, as described in Section I.F.(2) of this NOFA. The Description shall include the position titles and numbers of youth expected to be employed for renovation/conversion/construction activities;

(6) Certification of the extent to which the PHA will commit to its Youth FIC part of its formula allocation of Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) funds for CGP eligible activities that result in employment, training, and contracting opportunities for eligible residents;

(7) A project budget, timetable and narrative;

(8) Certification that Youth FIC funding will not duplicate any other HUD funding, including CGP funding.

(9) *Equal Opportunity Requirements.* The PHA must certify that it will carry out activities assisted under the program in compliance with:

(a) The requirements of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 100, 107, 109, 110, and 121; and Executive Order 11063 (Equal Opportunity Housing implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 107; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR part 1;

(b) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146; the prohibition against discrimination against individuals with a disability under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131) and implementing regulation at 28 CFR part 35; and the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and the implementing regulations issued at 41 CFR chapter 60;

(c) The requirements of section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, 12 U.S.C. 1701u and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 135; and

(d) The requirements of Executive Orders 11625, 12432, and 12138. Consistent with HUD's responsibilities under these Orders, the grantee must make efforts to encourage the use of minority and women's business enterprises in connection with activities funded under this notice.

(10) Evidence of a firm commitment of assistance from one or more sources ensuring that the supportive services will be provided for not less than 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA. Evidence shall be in the form of a letter or resolution. A cost allocation plan shall be submitted outlining the 1-year commitment;

(11) Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure Update Report must be completed in accordance with 24 CFR part 12, Accountability in the Provision of HUD Assistance. A copy is provided in the application kit.

(12) Drug-Free Workplace Certification. The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 701) requires grantees of federal agencies to certify that they will provide drug-free workplaces. Each potential recipient under this NOFA must certify that it will comply with drug-free workplace requirements in accordance with the Act and with HUD's rules at 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

(13) Certification regarding Lobbying. Section 319 of the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, Pub. L. 101-121, approved October 23, 1989 (31 U.S.C. 1352) (the "Byrd Amendment") generally prohibits recipients of Federal contracts, grants, and loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant or loan. The Department's regulations on these restrictions on lobbying are codified at 24 CFR part 87. To comply with 24 CFR 87.110, any PHA submitting an application under this announcement for more than \$100,000 of budget authority must submit a certification and, if applicable, a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL form).

(14) A certification that:

(a) The PHA will include in any contract for renovation or conversion (including combining of units) on the premises of the PHA development to accommodate the provision of supportive services under this program, a requirement that all laborers and mechanics (other than volunteers under the conditions set out in 24 CFR part 70) shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality, as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5);

(b) The PHA will include in such contracts a requirement that all architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, and technicians (other than volunteers) shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality as determined by HUD;

(c) The PHA will pay such wage rates to its own employees engaged in this work; and

(d) If new construction is undertaken, the PHA has looked at other appropriate facilities and cannot make those usable for FIC purposes.

C. *Applications for Both Supportive Services and Renovation/Conversion/Construction/Acquisition Activities* must contain the following information:

(1) Name and address (or P.O. Box) of the PHA. Name and telephone number of contact person (in the event further information or clarification is needed during the application review process);

(2) SF-424A, Budget Information, Non-Construction Programs, and SF-424B, Assurances, Non-Construction Programs;

(3) A description of assistance for which the PHA is applying;

(4) A description of the need for supportive services by eligible residents;

(5) Evidence of a firm commitment of assistance from one or more sources ensuring that the supportive services

will be provided for not less than 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA. Evidence shall be in the form of a letter or resolution. A cost allocation plan shall be submitted outlining the 1-year commitment;

(6) A description of the plan for continuing operation of the Youth FIC and the provision of supportive services to families after the later of: (i) 5 years following the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA; or (ii) 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA;

(7) A description of services that the PHA expects to be provided, to the greatest extent practicable by PHA residents as provided under Section I.F(2) of this NOFA;

(8) A description of the positions and numbers of residents expected to be employed for renovation, conversion, and other eligible activities;

(9) A description of the youth involvement in the planning and implementation phases of this program;

(10) Certification of the extent to which the PHA will commit to its Youth FIC part of its formula allocation of Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP) funds for CGP eligible activities that result in employment, training, and contracting opportunities for eligible residents;

(11) A project budget, timetable, and narrative;

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Commitments from State or local agencies may include, but are not limited to, vocational, adult, and bilingual education; JTPA and Family Support Act of 1988 job training programs; child care; and social services assistance, counseling or drug addiction services. Commitments may include in-kind contributions, on-site journeymen or equivalent instructors, transportation, or other resources for use by participants of the FIC.

(13) A narrative on the location of the facility. Provide the precise location of the Youth FIC facility (street address) and its accessibility to residents including distance from the development(s), and transportation necessary to receive services;

(14) Evidence that the PHA has control of the proposed off-site

premises. This shall include copies of the negotiated lease and the terms, an option to lease, indicating that the facility will be available to the PHA for use as a Youth FIC for the period ending the later of: (i) 5 years following the initial receipt of funding under this NOFA; or (ii) 1 year following the completion of activities funded under this NOFA;

(15) Certification that Youth FIC funding will not duplicate any other HUD funding, including CGP funding;

(16) *Equal Opportunity Requirements*. The PHA must certify that it will carry out activities assisted under the program in compliance with:

(a) The requirements of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 100, 107, 109, 110, and 121; and Executive Order 11063 (Equal Opportunity Housing implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 107; and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations issued at 24 CFR part 1;

(b) The prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of age under the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146; the prohibition against discrimination against individuals with a disability under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131) and implementing regulation at 28 CFR part 35; and the requirements of Executive Order 11246 and the implementing regulations issued at 41 CFR chapter 60;

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(b) The PHA will include in such contracts a requirement that all architects, technical engineers, draftsmen, and technicians (other than volunteers) shall be paid not less than the wages prevailing in the locality as determined by HUD.

(c) If new construction is undertaken, the PHA has looked at other appropriate facilities and cannot make those usable for FIC purposes.

IV. Corrections to Deficient Applications

After the submission deadline date, HUD will screen each application to determine whether it is complete. If an application lacks certain technical items, such as certifications or assurances, or contains a technical error, such as an incorrect signatory, HUD will notify the applicant in writing that it has 14 calendar days from the date of HUD's written notification to cure the technical deficiency. If the applicant fails to submit the missing material

within the 14-day cure period, HUD will disqualify the application.

This 14-day cure period applies only to nonsubstantive deficiencies or errors. Deficiencies capable of cure will involve only items not necessary for HUD to assess the merits of an application against the rating factors specified in this NOFA.

V. Other Matters

A. Other Federal Requirements

In addition to the Equal Opportunity Requirements set forth in Section III, Checklist of Application Submission Requirements, of this NOFA, grantees must comply with the following requirements:

(1) *Ineligible contractors.* The provisions of 24 CFR part 24 relating to the employment, engagement of services, awarding of contracts, or funding of any contractors or subcontractors during any period of debarment, suspension, or placement in ineligibility status.

(2) *Flood insurance.* No building proposed for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, or improvement to be assisted under this program may be located in an area that has been identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as having special flood hazards, unless the community in which the area is situated is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program and the regulations thereunder (44 CFR parts 59-79), or less than a year has passed since FEMA notification regarding such hazards, and the grantee ensures that flood insurance on the structure is obtained in compliance with section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq.).

(3) *Lead-based paint.* The requirements, as applicable, of the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4821-4846), and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 35, 965, and 968.

(4) *Applicability of OMB Circulars.* The policies, guidelines, and requirements of OMB Circular Nos. A-110 (and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 84) and A-122 with respect to the acceptance and use of assistance by private nonprofit organizations.

(5) *Relocation and Real Property Acquisition.* The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and HUD Handbook 1378, Tenant Assistance, Relocation and Real Property Acquisition, apply to the acquisition of real property for an assisted project and the displacement of any person (family, individual,

business, nonprofit organization, or farm) as a direct result of acquisition, rehabilitation, or demolition for the project.

B. Environmental Review

A finding of no significant impact with respect to the environment has been made for the NOFA for Public and Indian Housing Family Investment Centers, in accordance with HUD regulations in 24 CFR part 50 that implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332); this finding applies equally to this NOFA. The finding of no significant impact is available for public inspection and copying Monday through Friday during regular business hours at the Office of the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, Room 10276, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410.

C. Executive Order 12612, Federalism

The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under section 6(a) of Executive Order 12612, *Federalism*, has determined that the policies contained in this notice will not have substantial direct effects on States or their political subdivisions, or the relationship between the Federal government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. As a result, the notice is not subject to review under the Order. The notice announces the availability of funds to provide youth living in public housing, or with children living in public housing, with better access to education and job opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence.

D. Executive Order 12606, the Family

The General Counsel, as the Designated Official under Executive Order 12606, *The Family*, has determined that this notice has potential for a significant impact on family formation, maintenance, and general well-being. The purpose of the notice is to provide funding to assist youth living in public housing, or with children living in public housing, with better access to education and job opportunities to achieve self-sufficiency and independence, and, thus, could benefit families. However, because the impact on families is beneficial, no further review is considered necessary.

E. Section 102 HUD Reform Act: Documentation and Public Access Requirements

HUD will ensure that documentation and other information regarding each application submitted pursuant to this NOFA are sufficient to indicate the basis upon which assistance was provided or denied. This material, including any letters of support, will be made available for public inspection for a 5-year period beginning not less than 30 days after the award of the assistance. Material will be made available in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and HUD's implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 15. In addition, HUD will include the recipients of assistance pursuant to this NOFA in its quarterly **Federal Register** notice of all recipients of HUD assistance awarded on a competitive basis. (See 24 CFR 12.14(a) and 12.16(b), and the notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 1992 (57 FR 1942), for further information on these requirements.)

F. Section 103 of the HUD Reform Act

HUD's regulation implementing section 103 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (42 U.S.C. 3537a) is codified as 24 CFR part 4 and applies to the funding competition announced today. The requirements of the rule continue to apply until the announcement of the selection of successful applicants.

HUD employees involved in the review of applications and in the making of funding decisions are restrained by part 4 from providing advance information to any person (other than an authorized employee of HUD) concerning funding decisions, or from otherwise giving any applicant an unfair competitive advantage. Persons who apply for assistance in this competition should confine their inquiries to the subject areas permitted under 24 CFR part 4.

Applicants who have questions should contact the HUD Office of Ethics (202) 708-3815 (voice/TDD). (This is not a toll-free number.) The Office of Ethics can provide information of a general nature to HUD employees, as well. However, a HUD employee who has specific program questions, such as whether particular subject matter can be discussed with persons outside the Department, should contact his or her Field Office Counsel, or Headquarters counsel for the program to which the question pertains.

G. Section 112 of the Reform Act

Section 13 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3537b) contains two provisions dealing with efforts to influence HUD's decisions with respect to financial assistance. The first imposes disclosure requirements on those who are typically involved in these efforts—those who pay others to influence the award of assistance or the taking of a management action by the Department and those who are paid to provide the influence. The second restricts the payment of fees to those who are paid to influence the award of HUD assistance, if the fees are tied to the number of housing units received or are based on the amount of assistance received, or if they are contingent upon the receipt of assistance.

Section 13 was implemented by regulations published at 24 CFR part 86. If readers are involved in any efforts to influence the Department in these ways, they are urged to read the final rule, particularly the examples contained in Appendix A of that part. Any questions about part 86 should be directed to the Office of Ethics, room 2158, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410-3000. Telephone: (202) 708-3815 (voice/TDD) (This is not a toll-free number.) Forms necessary for compliance with the rule may be obtained from the local HUD office.

H. Freedom of Information Act

Applications submitted in response to this NOFA are subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). To assist the Department in determining whether to release information contained in an application in the event a FOIA request is received, and applicant may, through clear earmarking, or otherwise, indicate those portions of its application that it believes should not be disclosed. The applicant's views will be used solely to aid the Department in preparing its response to a FOIA request; however, the Department is required by the FOIA to make an independent evaluation of the information.

HUD suggests that an applicant provide a basis, when possible, for its belief that confidential treatment is appropriate; general assertions or blanket requests for confidentiality, without more information, are of limited value to the Department in making determinations concerning the release of information under FOIA. The Department is required to segregate disclosable information from nondisclosable items, so an applicant

should be careful to identify each portion of the application for which confidential treatment is requested.

The Department emphasizes that the presence or absence of comments or earmarking regarding confidential information will have no bearing on the evaluation of applications submitted in response to this solicitation.

I. Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities

The use of funds awarded under this NOFA is subject to the disclosure requirements and prohibitions of section 319 of the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 1990 (31 U.S.C. 1352) (the "Byrd Amendment") and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 87. These authorities prohibit recipients of federal contracts, grants, or loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative branches of the Federal government in connection with a specific contract, grant, or loan. The prohibition also covers the awarding of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, or loans unless the recipient has made an acceptable certification regarding lobbying. Under 24 CFR part 87, applicants, recipients, and subrecipients of assistance exceeding \$100,000 must certify that no federal funds have been or will be spent on lobbying activities in connection with the assistance.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1437t and 3535(d).

Dated: May 4, 1995.

Joseph Shuldiner,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

Appendix—Names, Addresses, and Telephone Numbers of HUD Field Offices Accepting Applications for Youth Development Initiative Under Family Investment Centers

HUD—New England Area—Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Boston, Massachusetts HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building, 10 Causeway Street, Room 375, Boston, MA 02222-1092, (617) 565-5234, TDD Number: (617) 565-5453
Office hours: 8:30am-5:00pm local time

Hartford, Connecticut HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 330 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1860, (203) 240-4522, TDD Number: (203) 240-4665,
Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Manchester, New Hampshire HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Norris Cotton Federal Building, 275 Chestnut Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03101-2487, (603) 666-7681, TDD Number: (603) 666-

7518, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Providence, Rhode Island HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 10 Weybosset Street, Sixth Floor, Providence, Rhode Island 02903–2808, (401) 528–5351, TDD Number: (401) 528–5364, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

HUD—New York, New Jersey Area—New York, New Jersey

New York HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278–0068, (212) 264–6500, TDD Number: (212) 264–0927, Office hours: 8:30am–5:00pm local time

Buffalo, New York HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Lafayette Court, 5th Floor, 465 Main Street, Buffalo, New York 14203–1780, (716) 846–5755, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Newark, New Jersey HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, One Newark Center—12th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102–5260, (201) 622–7900, TDD Number: (201) 645–6649, Office hours: 8:30am–5:00pm local time

HUD—Midatlantic Area—Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Liberty Square Building, 105 South 7th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106–3392, (215) 597–2560, TDD Number: (215) 597–5564, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Washington, D.C. HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 820 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002–4502, (202) 275–9200, TDD Number: (202) 275–0967, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Baltimore, Maryland HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 10 South Howard Street, 5th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201–2505, (410) 962–2520, TDD Number: (410) 962–0106, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Old Post Office Courthouse Building, 700 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219–1939, (412) 644–6428 TDD Number: (412) 644–5747, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Richmond, Virginia HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, The 3600 Centre, 3600 West Broad Street, P.O. Box 90331, Richmond, Virginia 23230–0331, (804) 278–4507, TDD Number: (804) 278–4501, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Charleston, West Virginia HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 405 Capitol Street, Suite 708, Charleston, West Virginia 25301–1795, (304) 347–7000, TDD

Number: (304) 347–5332, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time,

HUD—Southeast Area—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Caribbean, Virgin Islands

Atlanta, Georgia HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Richard B. Russell Federal Building, 75 Spring Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303–3388, (404) 331–5136, TDD Number: (404) 730–2654, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Birmingham, Alabama HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 600 Beacon Parkway West, Suite 300, Birmingham, Alabama 35209–3144, (205) 290–7601, TDD Number: (205) 290–7624, Office hours: 7:45am–4:30pm local time

Louisville, Kentucky HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 601 West Broadway, P.O. Box 1044, Louisville, Kentucky 40201–1044, (502) 582–6161, TDD Number: (502) 582–5139

Jackson, Mississippi HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Doctor A.H. McCoy Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, Room 910, Jackson, Mississippi 39269–1096, (601) 975–4746, TDD Number: (601) 975–4717, Office hours: 8:00am–4:45pm local time

Greensboro, North Carolina HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 2306 West Meadowview Road, Greensboro, North Carolina 27407, (919) 547–4000, TDD Number: 919–547–4055, Office hours: 8:00am–4:45pm local time

Caribbean HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, New San Office Building, 159 Carlos East Chardon Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1804, (809) 766–6121, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Columbia, South Carolina HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Strom Thurmond Federal Building, 1835 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201–2480, (803) 765–5592, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am–4:45pm local time

Knoxville, Tennessee HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, John J. Duncan Federal Building, 710 Locust Street, SW., Room 333, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902–2526, (615) 545–4384, TDD Number: (615) 545–4379, Office hours: 7:30am–4:15pm local time

Nashville, Tennessee HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 251 Cumberland Bend Drive, Suite 200, Nashville, Tennessee 37228–1803, (615) 736–5213, TDD Number: (615) 736–2886, Office hours: 7:45am–4:15pm local time

Jacksonville, Florida HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Southern Bell Towers, 301 West Bay Street, Suite 2200, Jacksonville, Florida 32202–5121, (904)

232–2626, TDD Number: (904) 232–2357, Office hours: 7:45am–4:30pm local time

HUD—Midwest Area Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Wisconsin

Chicago, Illinois HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604, (312) 353–5680, TDD Number: (312) 353–7143, Office hours: 8:15am–4:45pm local time

Detroit, Michigan HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Patrick V. McNamara Federal Building, 477 Michigan Avenue, Room 1645, Detroit, Michigan 48226–2592, (313) 226–6880, TDD Number: (313) 226–7812, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Indianapolis, Indiana HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 151 North Delaware Street, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204–2526, (317) 226–6303, TDD Number: (317) 226–7081, Office hours: 8:00am–4:45pm local time

Grand Rapids, Michigan HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 2922 Fuller Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505–3499, (616) 456–2127, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am–4:45pm local time

Minneapolis—St. Paul, Minnesota HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Bridge Place Building, 220 2nd Street South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401–2195, (612) 370–3000, TDD Number: (612) 370–3186, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

Cincinnati, Ohio HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 525 Vine Street, Suite 700, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202–3188, (513) 684–2884, TDD Number: (513) 684–6180, Office hours: 8:00am–4:45pm local time

Cleveland, Ohio HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Renaissance Building, 1375 Euclid Avenue, Fifth Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44115–1815, (216) 522–4065, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am–4:40pm local time

Columbus, Ohio HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 200 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215–2499, (614) 469–5737, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:30am–4:45pm local time

Milwaukee, Wisconsin HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Henry S. Reuss Federal Plaza, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1380, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203–2289, (414) 291–3214, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am–4:30pm local time

HUD—Southwest Area—Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Fort Worth, Texas HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 1600 Throckmorton Street, Room 304, P.O. Box 2905, Fort

Worth, Texas 76113-2905, (817) 885-5934, TDD Number: (817) 885-5447, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Houston, Texas HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Norfolk Tower, 2211 Norfolk, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77098-4096, (713) 834-3235, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 7:45am-4:30pm local time

San Antonio, Texas HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Washington Square, 800 Dolorosa Street, Room 206, San Antonio, Texas 78207-4563, (512) 229-6783, TDD Number: (512) 229-6783, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Little Rock, Arkansas HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, TCBY Tower, 425 West Capitol Avenue, Room 900, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3488, (501) 324-5935, TDD Number: (501) 324-5931, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

New Orleans, Louisiana HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Fisk Federal Building, 1661 Canal Street, Suite 3100, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112-2887, (504) 589-7251, TDD Number: Number not available, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma HUD Field Office

(Applications for the State of Oklahoma are to be submitted to the Denver, Colorado, HUD Office:

Public Housing Division, First Interstate Tower North, 633 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202-3607, (303) 672-5248, TDD Number: (303) 672-5248, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time)

Albuquerque, New Mexico HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 625 Truman Street N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87110-6472, (505) 262-6463, TDD Number: (505) 262-6463, Office hours: 7:45am-4:30pm local time

Great Plains—Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

Kansas City, Kansas HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Gateway Tower II, 400 State Avenue, Room 400, Kansas City, Kansas 66101-2406, (913) 551-5488, TDD Number: (913) 551-5815, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Omaha, Nebraska HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 10909 Mill Valley Road, Omaha, Nebraska 68154-3955, (402) 492-3100, TDD Number: (402) 492-3183, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

St. Louis, Missouri HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 1222 Spruce Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63103-2836, (314) 539-6583, TDD Number: (314) 539-6331, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Des Moines, Iowa HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Federal Building, 210 Walnut Street, Room 239, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-2155, (515) 284-4512, TDD Number: (515) 284-4728, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

HUD—Rocky Mountains Area—Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

Denver, Colorado HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, First Interstate Tower North, 633 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202-3607, (303) 672-5248, TDD Number: (303) 672-5248, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

HUD—Pacific/Hawaii Area—Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Guam, American Samoa

San Francisco, California HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Philip Burton Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, P.O. Box 36003, San Francisco, California 94102-3448, (415) 556-4752, TDD Number: (415) 556-8357, Office hours: 8:15am-4:45pm local time

Honolulu, Hawaii HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 7 Waterfront Plaza, 500 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 500,

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813-4918, (808) 541-1323, TDD Number: (808) 541-1356, Office hours: 8:00am-4:00pm local time

Los Angeles, California HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 1615 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90015-3801, (213) 251-7122, TDD Number: (213) 251-7038, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Sacramento, California HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 777 12th Avenue, Suite 200, P.O. Box 1978, Sacramento, California 95814-1997, (916) 498-5270, TDD Number: (916) 498-5220, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Phoenix, Arizona HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Two Arizona Center, 400 North 5th Street, Suite 1600, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2361, (602) 261-4434, TDD Number: (602) 379-4461, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

HUD—Northwest/Alaska Area—Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington

Seattle, Washington HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, Seattle Federal Office Building, 909 First Avenue, Suite 200, Seattle, WA 98104-1000, (206) 220-5292, TDD Number: (206) 220-5185, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Portland, Oregon HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, 520 S.W. 6th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97203-1596, (503) 326-2561, TDD Number: (503) 326-3656, Office hours: 8:00am-4:30pm local time

Anchorage, Alaska HUD Field Office

Public Housing Division, University Plaza Building, 949 East 36th Avenue, Suite 401, Anchorage, Alaska 99508-4399, (907) 271-4170, TDD Number: (907) 271-4328

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